

State of North Carolina

At a Grand Lodge of the Most ancient and Honorable Society of Free and accepted Masons, opened and held at Fayetteville the 14 Day of December, Anno. Dom. 1793 Era Masonry 5793

Present

The Most Worshipful Willitm R. Davie Grand Master
 John Macon, G. S. W. protem & GJW
 John Winslow, G. J. W. protem
 Rd. W. Freear, G. Sec.
 Richard Singleton, G S D protem & GJD
 James Porterfield, G J D protem

Visitors Wiliam Duffy & Waightstill Avery.

The Lodge was opened in due form and Deputations from the following Lodges read and received to wit.

For Phoenix, No. 8, Fayetteville, Brothers J Winslow, & John Louis Taylor.

For Eagle, No. 19, Hillsborough, Brothers Wm. Shepperd, Walter Alves, & A. D. Moore

For Malta, No. 23, Stokes County, Brother Absalom Bostwick.

For Hiram, No. 24, Greenville County, Brother Bromfield Ridley.

Pursuant to which the following Delegates appeared and took their seats to wit. Brothers, Winslow, Taylor, Wm. Shepperd, W. Alves, B. Ridley, & Absalom Bostwick.

Brother Bostwick laid before the Lodge a Petition from the Brethren of the Malta Lodge in Stokes County praying a Charter also the Dispensation granted the said Lodge, which were Ordered to be filed and that a Charter to issue accordingly.

The Lodge was then closed in due form until Tuesday Evening next at 6 O'clock.

Teste,

Rd. W. Freear, G. Sec.

Tuesday Evening, December 17th, Anno. Dom. 1793
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The Lodge met agreeable to adjournment.

Present

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The Most Worshipful William R. Davie, Grand Master

Geo. Duffy, G. S. W. protem

Geo. Duffy, G. J. W.

Richard Freear, G. Sec.

John Conroy, G. S. D. protem

Rhodham Atkins, G. J. D. protem

Delegates. Brothers John Louis Taylor, John Winslow, Willm. Shepperd, Walter Alves, Absalom Bostwick, Bromfield Ridley, Montford Stokes, Duncan McFarland & John Steele.

A Delegation from the Old Cone Lodge No. 9 appointing Brothers John Steele & Montford Stokes delegates to represent the said Lodge in the Grand Lodge was read and received & the Delegates took their seats accordingly.

Brother Bromfield Ridley laid before the Lodge a dispensation granted by the Most Worshipful Wm. R. Davie Grand Master, dated the 15th day of April A L 5793 authorizing a Lodge to be opened and held at Williamsborough in the County of Granville by the name of Hiram, together with the bye Laws and proceedings of the said Lodge, Ordered that the same be filed and a Charter to issue to the said Lodge accordingly.

Brother Rhodham Atkins Master of the Democratic Lodge No. 21, Raleigh, laid before the Lodge the bye Laws & Proceedings of the said Lodge which were ordered to be filed with the Secretary.

Read the petition of William Duffy praying to become a member of the Grand Lodge, Ordered that the same lay on the Table for consideration.

Resolved that Brothers Shepperd, Alves, & Stokes be appointed a Committee to confer with the committee of the Phoenix Lodge No. 8 respecting the preparations necessary to be made on St. John's day next, & report the same to next Lodge.

On Motion and seconded, Resolved that Brothers James Porterfield and John Winslow be appointed stewards during the present annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Freear Secretary of the Grand Lodge laid before the Lodge a Letter from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia together with other papers accompanying the same, on the subject of a correspondence being established between the said Lodges; which being read was order-

ed to be filed with the Secretary.

The Lodge was then closed in due form until the 22nd Instant at 6 O'clock P M.

Teste,

Rd. W. Freear, G. Sec.

December 22nd. Anno. Dom. 1793 A L 5793

The Lodge met according to adjournment.

Present

The Most Worshipful William R. Davie, Grand Master
 The Right Worshipful James Glasgow, Deputy Grand Master
 Right Worshipful John Macon, G. S. W. protem & G. J. W.
 Right Worshipful John Winslow, G. J. W. protem
 Right Worshipful Frederick Harget, G. Treasurer
 Right Worshipful Richard W. Freear, G. Secy.
 Right Worshipful Richard Singleton, G. S. D. protem
 Right Worshipful Duncan McFarland, G. J. D. protem
 Delegates Brothers John Louis Taylor, Bromfield Ridley,
 A. Duncan Moore, William Shepperd, Absalom Bostwick, & John Steele.

Visitors Brothers William Lenoir, David Anderson, Calib D. Howard, Samuel Murley, & Waightstill Avery.

The Petition of Bro. William Duffy praying to become a Member of the Grand Lodge was taken up and read & Brother Duffy being balloted for, was unanimously elected.

On Motion & seconded Resolved that a Committee of Correspondence be appointed, at the next election for the Grand Officers which is to take place at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Brother William Shepperd from the Committee appointed to confer with the committee from the Phoenix Lodge, delivered in a report which being read was amended to read as follows to wit.

That the Brethren meet at the Lodge room precisely at 1 O'clock P M on Saint John's day next, and march in procession from thence and hear devine service, after which return to the Lodge room and close the day with a Dinner.

The Lodge taking the foregoing report into consideration, Resolved that they do concur therewith.

On Motion & seconded Resolved that the following Brethren be put in nomination for Grand Officers of the Grand

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Lodge, the ensuing year to wit.

The Most Worshipful William Richardson Davie as Grand Master

The Right Worshipful James Glasgow as Deputy Grand Master

John Macon as Grand Sen. Warden

John Louis Taylor as Grand Jun. Warden

Frederick Harget as Grand Treasurer

Richard W. Freear as Grand Secy.

On Motion & seconded Resolved that the Right Worshipful James Glasgow, Deputy Grand Master & Brother John Louis Taylor be appointed a Committee to draw the order necessary for the Brethern to walk in procession on Saint John's day next.

On Motion Resolved that the Secretary issue Charters to the following subordinate Lodges, agreeable to their dispensation returned to this Grand Lodge & filed to wit.

Phoenix, Fayetteville No. 8, Malta, Stokes County No. 23, Hiram, Williamsborough, Granville County, No. 24. The Lodge was then closed in due form until Wednesday morning 10 o'clock.

Rd. W. Freear, G. Secy.

Wednesday 25th December Anno Dom 1793 A L 5793

The Lodge met according to adjournment.

Present

The Most Worshipful William R. Davie Grand Master

The Right Worshipful James Glasgow, Depy. Grand Master

Worshipful John Macon G. S. W. protem & GJW

Worshipful John Winslow, G. J. W. protem

Worshipful Frederick Harget, G. Trea.

Worshipful Richard W. Freear, G Secy.

Worshipful Richard Singleton, G. S. D. protem
& GJD

Delegates & Members Brothers John Louis Taylor, Montford Stokes, A. Duncan Moore, William Sheperd, Absalom Bostwick, Bromfield Ridley, Jeremich Hilliard, Ebenezer Slade, Probit Collier, Francis X. Martin, George Duffie, Isaac Guion, Stephen Cabarrus, Adlai Osborne, James Porterfield, Edward Jones, & William

Duffy.

Brother William Watters a Visitor.

The Lodge was opened in due form & delegations from the following subordinate Lodges received and read, & the Delegates appeared & took their seats accordingly to wit.

For Saint John, No. 3, Newbern, Brother Francis X. Martin

For Saint John, No. 4, Kinston, Probit Collier

For Saint Tamany, No. 16, Martin County, Brother Ezenezer Slade

For Raleigh, No. 20, Tarborough, Brother Jeremiah Hilliard

A petition from sundry Brethern residing in Moore County praying a Charter to open & hold a Lodge in the said County was received and read whereupon Resolved that the same lay on the table for further consideration.

The Lodge now proceeded to ballot for Officers of the Grand Lodge for ensuing year when it appeared that The Most Worshipful William Richardson Davie was elected Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful James Glasgow, Deputy Grand Master

Worshipful John Macon, Grand Sen. Warden

Worshipful John Louis Taylor, Grand Jun. Warden

Worshipful Frederick Harget, Grand Treasurer

Worshipful Richard W. Freear, Grand Secretary

On Motion and seconded Resolved that all Master Masons being Delegates from any particular Lodges on record are entitled to seats and a voice in the Grand Lodge.

The Lodge was then closed in due form until 6 O'clock this evening.

Met according to adjournment.

Present

The Most Worshipful William R. Davie, Grand Master

The Right Worshipful James Glasgow, Deputy Grand Master

Worshipful Frederick Harget G. S. W. protem

Worshipful John L. Taylor, G. J. W.

Worshipful Richard W. Freear, G. Sec.

Worshipful Richard Singleton, GSD & GJD protem

Worshipful Duncan MacFarlan, G J D protem

Members & Delegates. Brothers Montford Stokes, Jeremiah Hilliard, Absolam Bostwick, Stephen Cabarrus, Probit Collier, Adlai Osborne, George Duffy, William Duffy,

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& Fras. X. Martin.

Visitors.

Brothers William Lenoir & Allen.

The Lodge proceeded to install the Grand Officers for the ensuing year when

The Most Worshipful William Richardson Davie, Grand Master

The Right Worshipful James Glasgow, Deputy Grand Master
Worshipful John Macon, Grand Sen. Warden by
F. Harget his proxy.

John Louis Taylor, Grand Junior Warden

Worshipful Frederick Harget, Grand Treasurer &

Worshipful Richard W. Freear, Grand Secretary
was severally installed agreeable to
ancient form.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed Brother Richard Singleton Grand Senior Deacon & Brother Duncan MacFarlane Grand Jun. Deacon.

On Motion & seconded Resolved that Brothers Stephen Cabarrus, Lunsford Long, & Richard W. Freear be a Committee of correspondence, and that they be directed to correspond with the Grand Lodges of Virginia & Pensylvania as soon as convenient.

The Petition of Sundry Brethern in Moore County praying a Charter to hold a Lodge was taken up and read whereupon Resolved that a Charter be granted agreeable to the prayer of the Petition, & do issue to Malcom McNeil as Master, Neil McLeod Senior Warden & Duncan Johnson Jun. Warden, and be called and known by the name of the Pansophia Lodge No. 25.

Brother Martin a Delegate from Saint John's Lodge Newben No. 3 having presented a claim of precedency on behalf of the said Lodge—Resolved that the consideration of the said claim be suspended until the said Lodge shall have paid into the Grand Treasury all its delinquent dues.

On Motion and seconded Resolved that the use of Sashes be laid aside by Officers, Members and Delegates of this Lodge.

The Lodge was then closed in due form until Friday next 1 o'clock P M.

Friday 27th December Anno. Dom. 1793 A L 5793

The Lodge met according to adjournment.

Present. The Grand Officers, Members & Delegates of

the Grand Lodge, The Officers & Members of the Phoenix Lodge together with sundry visiting Brethern.

The Lodge being opened in due form, the said Brethern formed in procession and walked from thence to the State House where they had an excellent discourse suitable to the Occasion delivered by the Revd. —Kerr after which they returned to the Lodge room and closed the day with a dinner in great harmony.

The Lodge was then closed in ample form until the 10th day of January next.

Teste.

Rd. W. Freear Grand Secretary.

January 10th Anno Dom 1794 Era Masonry 5794

The Lodge met according to adjournment.

PRESENT

The Most Worshipful William R. Davie, Grand Master
 The Right Worshipful James Glasgow Deputy Grand Master
 Worshipful John Louis Taylor GSW protem GJW
 Worshipful John Winslow G J W protem
 Worshipful Frederick Harget G Treas.
 Worshpful Richard W. Freear G Secy.
 Worshpful Richard Singleton G SD
 Worshipful James Porterfield G J D protem
 Members Brothers James Read, & Stephen Cabarrus
 Delegates Brothers Montford Stokes & William Shepperd
 Visitors Brothers Duncan McAuslin, Absalom Tatum, James
 T. Cowatt, & Andrew Burke.

On MOTION and seconded, RESOLVED that the Grand Secretary be directed to write in the name of the Grand Lodge to Saint John's Lodge Newbern No. 3, and represent to the same, the opinion the Grand Lodge has entertained of the impropriety of their conduct, That he State to them the injustice of their claim as it respects the number, and the demands conveyed to the Grand Lodge, in a manner so different from that which Masonry prescribes. That he further represent to them the wish the Grand Lodge has that they should still be a member of the same, and conjure them to deliberate upon their conduct and send forward to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, Delegates to explain and if possible to excuse the same.

WHEREAS information is given to this Lodge, that the Unanimity Lodge No. 7 of Edenton have for a long time de-

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clined meeting and working agreeably to rules of Masonry, and that the Charter, Jewells, impliments and papers of the said Lodge are in the hands of the late Master thereof.

RESOLVED that the Secretary of this Lodge acquaint the late Master of the Unanimity Lodge, that it hath been suggested to the Grand Lodge, that the said Unanimity Lodge have ceased to work, for a long time and urge him to endeavor to call together the late members of the said Lodge, and impress upon them the necessity of their complying with the rules of the Craft by working under their Charter, as other Lodges, or of surrendering the Charter, Jewells, impliments, papers, etc., and that he show cause at the next meeting of this Lodge, why all the said Charters, Jewells, papers and other implements and apparatus should not be deposited with the Grand Lodge, to be safely and securely kept, under their direction and in the care thereof until the said Unanimity Lodge be again established.

On Motion RESOLVED, that the Grand Treasurer pay the Tyler the sum of Five Pounds in full compensation for his services during the Present annual meeting of the Grand Lodge for which he shall be allowed in the settlements of his accounts.

ON MOTION and seconded RESOLVED that the Grand Treasurer be requested to write to the several Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and inform them the necessity of sending forward their arrears as without such punctuality the Grand Lodge cannot persevere in its labours, or obtain the great objects of Masonry, and that the Grand Treasurer exhibit to the Grand Lodge at their next meeting a Statement of the Treasury.

ON MOTION and seconded RESOLVED, that the Grand Secretary inform the several subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to send forward Delegates to the next Grand Lodge to be held at the City of Raleigh on the first Wednesday in December next.

ON MOTION and seconded RESOLVED that this Grand Lodge be closed and remain closed until the first Wednesday in December next then to meet at the City of Raleigh unless cases of emergency require it to be opened sooner.

The Grand Lodge was accordingly closed in ample form.

WITNESS

R. W. Freear, G. Secy.